

It Is Sometimes Better to Take a Man's Word Than His Bond For the Word Is Much Easier to Forget and Doesn't Have to Be Burned Up

**WILSON O. K. WILTS
OPPOSITION TO
MARSHALL****Sprouting Booms for Vice President
Withered By White House Message****BAKER NOT A CANDIDATE****Secretary of War Arrives at St. Louis
With President's Own Draft of
Democratic Platform.**

St. Louis, June 14.—Notwithstanding the sweltering heat that prevailed in the convention hall this afternoon the delegates and spectators joined in 14 minutes of cheering when the name of President Wilson was first mentioned in the speech of Permanent Chairman McGlyn of New York.

St. Louis, June 14.—The arrival last night of Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, President Wilson's personal representative, bearing "the president's own" draft of the platform and news that he desired the renomination of Vice-President Marshall, firmly established the harmony program for the democratic national convention, which opened today.

A program upon both the presidential and vice-presidential nominations and the platform, as well as, has apparently been agreed upon by the leaders.

Vice-presidential booms, around which most of the pre-convention fights have centered, wilted away last night under influence of the personal message from the White House that the president desired Mr. Marshall again as his running mate. Secretary Baker also effectually disposed of the vice-presidential boom in his own behalf which had attained prominence in the belief in some quarters that Mr. Marshall lacked genuine administration support.

"The president's own" draft of the platform—a single copy said to have been typewritten by himself—will be delivered by Mr. Baker to Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman-to-be of the resolutions committee.

Although Mr. Baker declined last night to disclose the president's platform views, it was learned the platform will dwell principally "on peace, preparedness for peace, and prosperity." Despite agitation by some democratic leaders, President Wilson, it is said, disapproved insertion of a plank criticizing the nomination of a supreme court justice for president, or favoring a constitutional amendment prohibiting justices from seeking other public federal offices. The president desires adoption of a platform so progressive that it will appeal to and attract members of the progressive party, but without an open, direct invitation to the progressives to swing their strength to the democratic ticket, it was learned. As to female suffrage, it was understood the platform will suggest that the women continue their efforts for the ballot in the respective states, the primary authority for political qualifications. The principal planks, it was authoritatively stated, will deal with the administration's trials and achievements in handling international and Mexican affairs, its rapid and deliberate steps toward "preparedness for peace" and the record of economic and industrial legislation contributing to general prosperity.

NEW DARTMOUTH HEAD

Boston, June 13.—The election of Ernest Martin Hopkins of Newton as president of Dartmouth College to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ernest Fox Nichols, was announced tonight by Homer E. Keyes, business director of the college. Mr. Hopkins is a graduate of Dartmouth and was formerly its secretary.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont increase in cloudiness tonight. Probably showers late tonight and Thursday.

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NORTH ADAMS • • • Mass.**KENT-HORNING****Well-Known Dorset Young Man Mar-
ried at Fulton, N. Y.**

Prentiss H. Kent, son of the late Assistant Judge C. B. Kent of Dorset and one of the most genuinely respected and generally liked young men in Bennington, has become a benedict. He was married on June 3 at Fulton, N. Y., the bride being Miss Gertrude Horning of the town in which the ceremony took place. Mr. Kent is in the business with headquarters at Fulton. His business has necessitated his visits to Bennington and he has made a host of friends who will wish him every happiness. These numerous well-wishing friends are not acquainted with Mrs. Kent, but if they were they would probably infer from her that she is a mighty lucky young woman. The Amsterdam Evening Reformer of June 8 contained the following:

"Fultonville, June 3.—This morning the marriage of Miss Gertrude Horning and Prentiss Howard Kent, of Rutland, Vt., took place at the home of the bride on Prospect street. Owing to the recent death of Mrs. Horning, the wedding was a very simple one, only the members of the family and a few intimate friends being present. The ceremony was performed at 11 o'clock by the Rev. G. H. Dow, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride wore a dark blue traveling gown with hat to match and carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was given away by her father, George Horning. After a brief trip through the Berkshires the young couple will reside at No. 82 Grove street, Rutland, Vt. The bride is one of the most attractive members of the younger set and is very popular. She is a graduate from the Fultonville High school, in the class of 1911, and since has been a successful teacher. She will be greatly missed from her home circle. Mr. Kent is general agent for the Connecticut General Life Insurance company and has won many friends in Fultonville by his genial and courteous manner. The good wishes of all go with the bride and bridegroom. Those present at the ceremony were: George Horning, Miss Mathilda Horning, Henry and Jewell Horning, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm S. Fearey of Albany, Miss Marjorie S. Walrath, of Palatine Bridge, Miss Nellie M. Casler of Fultonville."

IN MEMORIAM**Miss Caroline B. Downs.**

"And so beside the Silent Sea,
I wait the muffled oar,
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.
I know not where His islands lift,
Their fringed palms in air,
I only know I cannot drift,
Beyond His love and care."
(Whittier.)

When my Banner came, I read the words which told me, that one of the best friends I ever had, and one of the most loyal daughters of the "Village on the Hill" had passed to the Life Eternal.

And then as I sat and thought, how the long span of years faded away, and once more I was a child again in my home on the old hill and I thought of the rainy Saturdays when the small boys of the vicinity assembled and after deciding that out-door play was impossible, we would always go to the old "State Arms" house, to ask "Miss Caddie" (as we knew her) if we might go up in the famous old Ball-Room and play. And we were never refused, both she and that gracious and beautiful woman, her mother, always doing all that lay in their power to help us enjoy the hours. And later in the afternoon we were sure to hear a pleasant voice at the foot of the stairs calling, "Now boys come down, mother has something for you in the kitchen." And that meant a plate of cookies such as only Mrs. Downs could make.

I remember as the years flew by how one by one the family grew less, first the mother, then the sisters and the father till at last our old friend and her brother were all that remained. Eight years ago he went and she was the last of the family. As I have gone each succeeding year to my old home, one of my first pleasures has been a call on "Miss Caddie," my mother's friend and mine. And the hearty welcome has always been there, for I have remained one of her "boys" and I thank God for the influence of that quiet self-sacrificing life which radiated sunshine and good-will on all who knew her. May her memory prove a benediction to all her friends, especially to her niece who has cared for her so tenderly in these last days, even as she cared for all her dear ones in sickness or in health during her whole life.

"There hand in hand firm linked at last
And heart to heart enfolded all,
Will smile upon the troubled past,
And wonder why we wept at all."
Richard S. Bahan,
Cleveland, Ohio, June 10, 1916.

NORTH BENNINGTON

A silk flag was left at the Congregational parsonage after the exercises of Memorial Day. The owner can claim the flag if they desire.

At the midweek prayer meeting at the Congregational vestry on Thursday evening some impressions of the recent county convention at Rupert will be given by the pastor and delegates. At the close of the meeting the music for Children's Day will be rehearsed. Let every one be present.

**RUSSIANS NOT YET
INSIDE CITY OF
CZERNOWITZ****Capital of Bukovina Still Held By
Austrians****BITTER FIGHTING NEAR TARNOPOL****Teutons Putting Up Strenuous Defence
in Order to Prevent the Capture of
Lemberg.**

Petrograd, June 13.—The reports of the actual occupation of Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, by the Russians, were premature, but after the recent defeat of the Austrian Col. Gen. Pflanzer's army and the successful Russian operations in the immediate vicinity of Czernowitz, official news of the fall of the city is momentarily expected here. The Zale Szczyky point of support officially announced as captured was one of the most important positions on the Dniester line of fortifications.

The two other most important sections of the front extending from the Pripiet River to Rumania are the regions south of Lutsk and north of Tarnopol. From the reports of the precipitate Austrian retreat from the former region it is inferred here that the Austrians were compelled to relinquish their most important position on the Ikwa front—the Torgovitsa fortification, which is located at the junction of the Ikwa and Sty Rivers. The occupied position is of the greatest strategic value. Here the same fate overtook the Austrians as at Mikof, on the Ikwa east of Torgovitsa. Finding themselves the target for an intense artillery bombardment from three sides the garrison fled in disorder.

In the section around Tarnopol there has been the most furious and sustained fighting of all. Upon the outcome of this engagement the safety of Lemberg depends and the Austrians are straining their utmost to prevent further Russian advances. Taking the initiative in the region of Gladki and Vorobievka they are launching a continuous series of attacks and making considerable gains, but only to have the newly-carried positions wrested from them by the Russians in counter-attacks.

SURVIVES LINCOLN CONVENTION**Col. Sawyer of Hyde Park Cast Vote
for Collamer-Edmunds in 1880-84.**

The session of the republican national convention calls to mind the fact that Col. E. B. Sawyer of Hyde Park is one of the very few delegates now living to the convention held in Chicago in 1880 which nominated Abraham Lincoln. During the past year another delegate to that convention, ex-Gov. John W. Stewart of Middlebury, has died.

At that convention Vermont's 10 votes on the first ballot were cast for Senator Jacob Collamer of this state. In the conventions of 1880 and 1884 Senator George F. Edmunds of Vermont was a presidential candidate. The republican correspondence describing at that time the details of the convention of 1884 said that the speech of Gov. John D. Long made at midnight placing Senator Edmunds in nomination was the greatest effort of Mr. Long's life and made the speaker a man of national reputation.

The speeches of Mr. Long and George William Curtis in support of Edmunds were called the strongest made in behalf of any candidate. It is worthy of note that this man who was placed in nomination 36 and again 32 years ago preserves his mental vigor unimpaired and had been able within the past few days to comment favorably upon the course pursued by Justice Hughes.

COUNTY COURT**June Term at Manchester Will Prob-
ably Adjourn This Week.**

The June term of county court at Manchester will probably not last longer than the present week. With the amount of business in sight an adjournment should be reached not later than Friday.

There have been no jury trials during the term and but little business has been transacted. Yesterday a number of divorce cases were heard and today it was planned to take up two criminal cases. Chancery Vanderburg, the colored youth, who is charged with forgery, was taken to Manchester this morning and State's Attorney Archibald has another criminal case to bring before the court. If the respondents plead guilty there will be no necessity for jury trials and this result is expected in both cases. Collis M. Graves appears for Vanderburg.

All members of the F. M. T. A. B. society are requested to meet in their rooms Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. As the 16th of Aug. picnic committee is to be appointed it is quite necessary all members are present.

**DEFENCES OF HILL
314 CAPTURED
BY GERMANS****Crown Prince's Troops Win French
Trenches Northwest of Verdun****TEUTON ARTILLERY ACTIVE****Big Guns Have Been Advanced for a
Systematic Pounding of
French Lines.**

London, June 14.—Renewing their terrific attacks on the French lines northeast of Verdun, the Crown Prince's troops have captured advanced trenches on the eastern slope of Hill 321, to the west of Thiaumont Farm, on which the defenders' line pivots.

This loss by a night assault is admitted by the French War Office, which says, however, that the Germans were beaten off at all other points.

Following the hill after the capture of Fort de Vaux, the Germans brought up fresh effectives, reformed their lines, and advanced their artillery to positions from which they have now begun a methodical pounding of the main French defenses, especially the powerful batteries at Tavannes and Fort de Souville.

The French, on their part, have not been idle. Thiaumont Farm bristles with well-placed machine guns, and the German masses, toiling up the slope which leads to the French positions, are driven back again and again, while their reserves are kept copiously showered by shells from French batteries at the rear and on the other side of the river.

It is estimated that the Germans have used up 30,000 infantry in assaults on the trenches west of Fort de Vaux and at Thiaumont.

West of the Meuse there were no important actions last night, but the bombardment was heavy in the region of Chateauvert.

CHURCH UNION IN WESTON**Closing Two Churches Out of Three
Improves Community.**

Here is the case: Weston is a mountain town of some 700 population. For many years it had three churches, Baptist, Congregational and Methodist. Each one of the churches was small in numbers and poor in resources, affording its pastor little more than starvation wages. The Baptists sent their minister to Peaseville, in the adjoining town of Andover, for an afternoon service and he secured there a small addition to his stipend. The Methodists sent their pastor in the afternoon to the adjacent town of Landgrove, where he was paid \$200—sometimes. The Congregationalists, because they could not find a man willing to live on so small a salary, employed a woman to occupy its pulpit and visit its scattered families. Each one of the three denominations supplemented the gifts of the people of Weston from funds raised for home missionary purposes from the state at large.

That is the condition as it was—three churches living at a poor dying rate, thankful to hold their own, and keep their doors from being closed, and hoping against hope for better days to follow. What is the condition as it is today? Two churches are closed. The town has one pastor, the Rev. Richard A. Burn of the Methodist church, who devotes his whole energies to that one parish acting as principal of the high school during the school year, ministering to a large and ever growing congregation upon the Sabbath, and receiving a good support for his labors, the missionary societies being free to spend their money elsewhere.

Weston has just such a man as the News suggests, and he does succeed in making the church more or less of a community center, and there is growing up a "Bigger, Better, Denser Weston." We leave it to the News if this isn't right, and better than the prolongation of the agony of three churches in a field large enough for but one.

And what has been done in this one Vermont town might be done in many another, letting the stronger church, whichever that might be, hold the ground and till it with intensive cultivation that would make the desert blossom as the rose.—Springfield Reporter.

ROOSEVELT ILL

New York, June 14.—Theodore Roosevelt suffered a severe pain in the side over the heart today which caused him to frequently press his hand upon the afflicted locality while motoring to the home of his son-in-law, Dr. Richard Derby, today. Mr. Roosevelt had motored to the dock to meet his son, Kermitt, wife and daughter, who arrived today from Panama.

"Mr. Roosevelt's illness is of no consequence," said Dr. Derby. "He has had a cold and may have strained a muscle while coughing. That is all."

**AMERICANISM IS
NOT BLUSTER,
SAYS WILSON****Nation Should Not Carry a Chip on
Its Shoulder****TALKS TO WEST POINT MEN****President Tells Graduates Only Those
Who Put America First Should
Be Tolerated.**

West Point, June 13.—Making his first address since the presidential campaign began, President Wilson today discussed preparedness, militarism, Americanism, the causes of the war in Europe, peace, the Monroe doctrine, divided allegiance, and the ideals of America. He declared it is the imperative duty of the United States to be prepared, adding that "mankind is going to know that when America speaks it means what it says."

The President said the United States should not be a blustering nation, a nation with a "chip on its shoulder," but a calm nation which will withhold its hand as long as possible and strike only for victory.

The President's address ran through almost the entire list of subjects discussed by former Justice Hughes in his telegram accepting the Republican nomination, and he declared the United States is "ready to join other nations to see that the kind of justice it believes in is given."

Shaking his finger emphatically the President told the graduates of the military academy and a large audience that "nobody who does not put America first can be tolerated." He added, however, that true Americans should set a good example.

The President declared the present war did not come by accident but that it had to come. The United States wants nothing from Europe, he said, and there is nothing it wants which it must get by war.

The word "Americanism" was used today by the President for the first time in recent addresses. He warned the graduates against militarism. The speech was interrupted frequently by applause and he was cheered as he concluded.

NEW RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE**Great Trial of Strength with Austria
Yet to Come.**

The similarity between Gen. Brusiloff's advance in the past week and the Russian drive against the Austrians at the beginning of the war is generally commented on at Petrograd. One difference, however, is pointed out—that Gen. Brusiloff's initial blow has been considerably more effective and that the retreat of the Austrians before it more precipitate than during the initial efforts of 1914.

The net result of the week's operations has surpassed the expectations of the most ardent believers in the southern leader's ability. With upward of 72,000 prisoners (the latest official statements now place the number of prisoners at about 108,000) and immense booty and with the communications between the Austrian armies around Czartorsky and Rafailoka, and those in the neighborhood of Czernowitz seriously threatened, there is great rejoicing among the military and civilian populations.

The military authorities regard the piercing of the Austrian line along the Stripa as perhaps of greater importance than breaking through at Lutsk. Assuming that the Austrians, even with the aid of the Germans, are unable to push the Russians back here, it will mean that the Austrians themselves must fall back along the whole line northward and quickly, in order to maintain a formidable front. It is pointed out that an orderly retreat with such gigantic armies is an extremely difficult task. Once they are on the move and with the Russians pounding at their rear, it is contended the great drive of 1914 through Poland and Galicia is likely to be repeated.

At the same time the military critics warn the people that the great trial of strength between Gen. Brusiloff and Gen. von Linsingen is yet to come and that it remains to be seen if the latter is able really to strike back effectively. They add that if the Russians succeed in holding what they have already gained, the Austrian plans for the summer campaign have doubtless been effectively smashed.

Gen. Brusiloff's promptness in seizing advantages and following up the enemy forces is regarded as the highest evidence of the completeness of the Russian preparation. "The pursuit has been kept up day after day relentlessly with no signs of abatement. Details of the fighting are still lacking, except for meager accounts filtering in from wounded officers who have arrived at Kiev and Odessa. Scenes of excitement in the trenches and villages where the reserves were stationed when the word of the proposed advance came Saturday, the 3d.

are told of by a captain of a Siberian regiment. Where possible religious services were held.

"Next day," he continued, "after a tremendous bombardment, the first, second and even the third lines of Austrian trenches were easily taken. Our losses were light. But in the strongest positions in the rear the enemy made a desperate stand with machine guns, bombs and previously prepared mines. Here we suffered more heavily. It was necessary to storm the positions. This our men did with splendid courage and determination."

"As soon as we came within reach with the bayonet the Austrians gave up, whole companies throwing down their arms. They appeared to have no heart for bayonet work."

"On we went, leaving heaps of dead behind. Sometimes we had to take defensive positions against counterattacks. My corps withstood eight in succession, repulsing them and then charging again. Through the breaches in their front our cavalry poured, in some instances riding into the demoralized rear, slashing, spearing and yelling like demons as they rode. "Entire regiments of Austrians were cut off and surrendered. There was a continuous stream of prisoners day and night toward the Russian rear. Among the prisoners were many German-speaking officers and 1000 German soldiers who had been incorporated in the Austrian regiments."

HIGH SCHOOL WEEK**Friday Sees End of School for Local
Seniors.**

This is the week the high school seniors will remember as the Red Letter seven days of their lives. The final examinations will be completed by Wednesday noon. All that remains are the closing exercises.

Thursday afternoon comes the class picnic at Barber's Pines. The class is to take the 3:45 trolley from Putnam Square.

Friday night comes the commencement in high school hall. The program of exercises will appear in full in Friday evening's Banner.

After the diplomas are conferred the class will adjourn to the Cocked Hat Tea House for dinner—full fledged alumni. The dance of the alumni will then take place in the hall.

Some of the high school pupils have had excellent attendances during the past terms and fourteen of the following list—those indicated by stars—have had perfect attendance and marks for the entire year. The honor pupils are: Theodore Carpenter, Fred Beecher, William Armstrong, Edwin Dunham, William Lundgren, Miss Ada Armstrong, Miss Beatrice Bixby, Miss Hilda Frost, Miss Ruth Hawkins, Miss Louise Bergeron, Miss Mary Gullinan, Miss Helen Mahon, Miss Fannie Levin, Miss Abby Little, George Novack, Miss Marjorie Peckham, Wilbur Lambert, Miss Fannie Barber, Miss Minnie Fischer, Miss Sophia Cole, Edward Person, Miss Donald Berard, Miss Irene Berard, Miss Helen Longtin, Arthur Barratt, Raymond Percy.

Commencement is at 8 o'clock Friday night. A large number of former students in the alumni association will be present.

STATE TROOPS WILL BE CALLED**Only 1500 Regulars Within Borders of
United States at Present.**

Washington, June 14.—The call will be issued for state troops, if more soldiers are needed in Mexico. It was stated by a member of the general staff today.

There are now only 1500 regular troops within the borders of the United States and 500 in Alaska. The remainder of the 49,000 not in Mexico are scattered in the Philippines, Hawaii, and the canal zone.

NO. BENNINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**Eugene Currie Engaged as Principal—
Other Teacher Changes.**

To the voters of the North Bennington Graded School District and the patrons of the North Bennington High school:

Owing to persistent rumors that seem to be acquiring quite general circulation, I wish to state briefly the facts in regard to the situation for the coming school year.

I regret to have to state that Mr. H. H. Kibbey, who has been at the head of our school for seven years, during which the school has prospered and I feel, has been very successful, has decided to terminate his service at the end of the present year. This action is voluntary on his part and I feel sure that I express the sentiment, not only of the school authorities, but of the community, in saying that his action is regretted and that he leaves us assured of the respect, goodwill and affection of all.

We are also sorry to lose from our school Miss Kentfield and Miss Plumer, both of whom have had a very successful year with us and both of whom feel obliged to decline re-election, even at an increase in salary, because of larger opportunities elsewhere.

For the coming year we have secured the services of Mr. Eugene Currie as Principal of the High school and in addition to these duties, he will have general oversight of the entire building. Mr. Currie is a graduate of Colby College at Waterville, Me., in the class of 1914 and comes to us with the best of recommendation after two years of

**FOR AMERICANISM
AND FOR NOTHING
ELSE, HUGHES****Republican Candidate Redefines
Attitude Toward Hyphenates****MOOSE CHIEF WILL HELP****Prominent Progressive Leaders Among
Callers at Former Justice's Head
Quarters Yesterday.**

New York, June 13.—Charles E. Hughes today defined his attitude toward German-American support as one of "undiluted Americanism," in the first statement issued since his acceptance of the republican nomination for president, he said:

"I stated my position very clearly in my telegram to the convention. My attitude is one of undiluted Americanism and anybody that supports me is supporting an out and out American and an out and out American policy absolutely nothing else."

The nominee's day, a busy one, was devoted almost exclusively to receiving callers. His victors were more numerous than yesterday. There were so many of them at one time that a line was formed and they filed past to shake hands and chat for a moment instead of waiting to be received alone. Several progressive leaders and republican supporters of Col Roosevelt were among them.

Everett Colby of New Jersey, who placed John M. Parker in nomination for the vice presidency at the progressive convention and Theodore Douglass Robinson, nephew of Col. Roosevelt and a former progressive leader in New York, called during Mr. Hughes' absence at luncheon. They left word that they would return in a day or so to deliver in person their pledges of support. Oscar S. Straus sent a telegram from Cleveland pledging support and followed in person later to congratulate the nominee and reiterate his pledge.

VERMONT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
**F. B. Putnam Succeeds E. L. Bates as
Grand Commander.**

Burlington, June 13.—The Knights Templar branch of the Vermont Masonic jurisdiction has held away today in the exercises of Masonic Week, the 74th annual meeting of the Grand Commandery of Vermont being held with it. The Masonic temple this morning with it. Eminent Sir Edward L. Bates of Bennington, grand commander, in the chair. The annual address of Col. Bates, gave the condition of the commandery, which is excellent, and rehearsed the work of the year.

Reports were also made by other grand officers. Frank B. Putnam of Brattleboro was elected to succeed Col. Bates as commander with Elroy B. Whitaker of Barre deputy commander, Frederick H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls grand captain general, William H. Ridley of Bristol grand senior warden, William H. Herrick of Montpelier grand junior warden, Frank Adams of Bellows Falls grand treasurer, and H. H. Ross of this city grand recorder, and Maj. C. Houghton of Brattleboro grand prelate.

The grand council of Royal and Select Masters met this evening.

Charles H. Heaton of Montpelier, 32nd degree, who has been grand treasurer of the Grand Council of the states for the last 30 years, declined to be a candidate for the office at the annual election. Mr. Heaton succeeded the late Judge Alfred A. Hall of St. Albans.

Tomorrow and Thursday will be Grand Lodge days and representatives from practically every subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction are in the city tonight.

successful teaching experience.

As assistants in the high school we have engaged Miss Catherine Dudley of Randolph, Vt., graduate of University of Vermont, 1916 and Miss Melissa Cilley of Colebrook, N. H., graduate of New Hampshire State College at Durham, N. H., 1916. Both these young ladies come to us with the best of references and give every promise of being highly successful teachers.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to state that we have been able to retain the services of all our grade teachers for the coming year. Their work without exception has been excellent.

It certainly is the intent of all concerned to continue our school another year and you may rest assured that every effort has been made and will be made to maintain its high standard and enviable reputation.

George B. Welling

Chairman Prudential Committee.

June 13th, 1916.

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